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SUBJ: TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR CONTROL OVER POLICE

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1. TRANSKEI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A GOVERNMENT MOTION APRIL 25 CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF ALL POLICE STATIONS IN TERRITORY TO JURISDICTION OF TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT. MOVE WOULD INCLUDE SECONDMENT OF WHITE POLICE OFFICERS TO TRANSKEI JURISDICTION, AS IS NOW TRUE FOR WHITE CIVIL SERVANTS.

2. DEBATE ON MOTION INCLUDED CHARGES BY MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT, CORRUPTION AND RUDENESS TO BLACKS BY WHITE POLICEMEN IN TRANSKEI. FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF MOTION TRANSKEI MINISTER OF JUSTICE AGREED UNDERTAKE URGENT INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES THAT WHITE POLICEMEN HAD ENCOURAGED RECENT SERIOUS FACTION FIGHTING IN PONDOLAND (NORTH-EASTERN TRANSKEI) IN ORDER DISCREDIT TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: CONTROL OF POLICE IS OBVIOUSLY REGARDED AS KEY FACTOR BY TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT AND HAS LONG BEEN A SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUE. CURRENT MOVES TOWARD INDEPENDENCE HAVE APPARENTLY

EMBOLDENED GOVERNMENT TO PRESS FOR RAPID TRANSFER OF THOSE
FUNCTIONS, POSSIBLY MORE RAPID THAN SAG WOULD HAVE WISHED.
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